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BATON ROUGE UFO BULLETIN

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NOW THAT BOTH THE ARMY AND NAVY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ORBITED SATELITES HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THESE MAN MADE BODIES DON'T HAVE SOME WAY OF SENDING THE NEWS BACK TO EARTH IF THEY ARE APPROACHED BY SPACE VISITORS? THE TROUBLE IS THAT EVEN IF THEY DO HAVE SUCH EQUIPMENT AND EVEN IF THEY ARE APPROACHED AND EXAMINED AT CLOSE RANGE BY VENUSIANS, OR THOSE WHO ARE NOT, AND IF THE FACT IS RELAYED BACK TO THE CONTROL STATIONS...THE NEWS WILL DIE RIGHT THERE. WE'LL NEVER KNOW ABOUT IT UNLESS SOMETHING BREAKS UFO-WISE BEFORE HAND.

IN THE NEWS IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS ABOUT TO SEND TO CONGRESS HIS PROGRAM FOR "CONTROL" OF OUTER SPACE. THAT'S A NICE TERM BUT THE QUESTIONS IT RAISES EMERGE LIKE A SWARM OF BLACKBIRDS.

SPACE IS A QUANTITY WITH WHICH WE HAVE HERETOFORE DEALT ONLY AS A VOCAL NOISE WHICH MEANS EMPTINESS. HOW WILL OUR FIELD OF CONTROL BE MEASURED? THE RUSSIANS ARE GOING TO WANT A LARGE HUNK OF IT SO WHAT WILL BE OUR SPACE AND WHAT WILL BE THEIRS? HOW WILL THE RESPECTIVE AREAS OF CONTROL BE DELINEATED? WILL THERE BE SOMETHING EQUIVALENT TO THE "THREE MILE LIMIT" NOW IN USE? IF SO WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE IN ACTION? THE THREE MILE LIMIT GOES ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD BUT SPACE DOESN'T. I CAN FORESEE A MILE HIGH HASSLE FOR CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP OF THE MOON ALTHOUGH AT LEAST ONE SCIENTIST WONDERS WHAT WE WANT IT FOR. MORE ABOUT THAT LATER.

RIGHT NOW SENDING A VEHICLE TO THE MOON IS DEFINITELY IN THE BOOKS. THE FIRST FEW WILL PROBABLY HAVE LOADS OF INSTRUMENTS AND POSSIBLY A TV SCANNER FOR CLOSE-UPS OF OUR ROMANTIC ORB. WOULDN'T IT BE A LAUGH, IF WHEN A MAN IS SENT UP TO TAKE A WALK HE'LL FIND THAT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN WALKED ON? WOULDN'T IT BE SOMETHING (DEFINITELY NOT A LAUGH) IF WHEN WE GET ALL SET TO SEND SOMETHING TO THE MOON WE GET A WARNING IN QUAIN'T BUT UNDERSTANDABLE ENGLISH TO LAY OFF...THAT ANOTHER BODY HAS ESTABLISHED SQUATTERS RIGHTS AHEAD OF US? WE ARE ALL READY TO SHOOT THE MOON BUT I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE CONSIDERED WHAT COURSE WE WILL TAKE IF THE MOON SHOOTS BACK?

AT THE MOMENT THE ONLY ARGUMENT VISIBLE REGARDING SPACE IS BETWEEN US AND THE RUSSIANS. IT DOESN'T FOLLOW THAT IT IS THE ONLY ONE WE WILL HAVE. AND THERE'S SUCH A LOT OF SPACE...ENOUGH TO GO AROUND WOULDN'T YOU THINK? THE AUTOMOBILE AND THE AIR AGE...IN SHORT, PROGRESS HAS GIVEN US A FAIR SHARE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL LUMPS, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND SUNDRY OTHER SPRAINS AND FURUNCLES. I WONDER WHAT THE COMING SPACE AGE WILL DO TO OUR PSYCHE? CARE TO COMMENT, DR. KIRKPATRICK?

I AM ABOUT TO PLUG A MAGAZINE AND IF I SEEM OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC PLEASE READ A COUPLE OF ISSURS BEFORE YOU HARPOON ME. I REFER TO THE NEW MEDICAL JOURNAL "M. D.", NO ONE REALLY KNOWS ENOUGH ABOUT EITHER HIS PSYCHE OR HIS SOMA AND THOUGH "M. D." IS PRIMARILY A CUT ABOVE THE MASS AVERAGE GRASP IT IS A FINE WAY TO BEGIN TO LEARN. ACTUALLY THE BULK OF THE MAGAZINE IS DEVOTED TO THINGS NOT SEVERELY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF MEDICINE BUT PERIPHERAL SUBJECTS...AND YOU'D BE SURPRISED TO KNOW HOW MANY THERE ARE. IN THE MARCH ISSUE THERE IS A FINE STUDY OF JULIUS CAESAR'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GOTH'S AS WELL AS AN EXCELLENT PERSONALITY ANALYSIS OF THE GREAT MAN. THERE HAS BEEN FINE ARTICLES ON THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, GREAT DOCTORS, FOOD, BREAD AND IN A RECENT ISSUE THE FINEST SUMMARY OF THE IGY THAT I HAVE READ ANYWHERE. THE FORMAT IS OF THE VERY BEST. ITS ART WORK IS SUPERB AND IT IS ONE OF THE OF THE FEW MAGAZINES I HAVE SEEN THAT CAN BE READ FROM COVER TO COVER.

FROM "M. D." FEBRUARY: "SOUND SURGERY. THE FIRST HUMAN BEINGS HAVE UNDERGONE BRAIN SURGERY FOR PARKINSONISM. (A SYNDROME CHARACTERIZED BY SHORT STIFF LEGGED STEPS, MENTAL FOGGINESS, INVOLUNTARY JERKING OF THE EXTREMITIES) IN THE FIRST THREE PARKINSONIANS RIGIDITY WAS ELIMINATED IN ALL, TREMOR IN TWO. THREE OTHER PATIENTS WERE TREATED WITH COMPLETE SUCCESS. DR. RUSSELL MEYERS FIRST DISCOVERED AND DESCRIBED THE REGION OF THE BRAIN WHICH COULD BE SECTIONED TO RELIEVE PARKINSONIAN RIGIDITY AND TREMOR". SURGERY IS ACCOMPLISHED USING ULTRASONIC EQUIPMENT BEAMING WAVES AT 980,000 CYCLES.

EXCELLENT ARTICLE ON THE WORK, LIFE AND PSYCHOLOGY OF A GENIUS. ARTIST PIETER BRUEGEL. ARTICLE ON FLYING DOCTORS...WHAT THE AIR AGE HAS DONE FOR MEDICINE.

FINE ARTICLE ON ARTIFICIAL HIBERNATION (ARTIFICIAL LOWERING OF BODY TEMPERATURE) "LOWERING BODY DEFENSE MECHANISMS REPRESENT AN APPROACH DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THAT OF CLASSIC MEDICINE WHICH IS TO INCREASE ORGANIC DEFENSES. ARTIFICIAL HIBERNATION REDUCES VITAL REQUIREMENTS ALLOWING OVERWHELMING PATHOLOGIC OR TRAUMATIC AGGRESSION TO ROLL OVER THE DEFENSES INSTEAD OF SETTING OFF A SELF-DESTRUCTIVE ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN LIFE AGAINST ALL ODDS".

ON SPORT "M. D." OFFERS AN ARTICLE ON THE HISTORY AND DETAIL OF ICE SKATING WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SPORT EVEN TO FIGURE SKATING.

THE BOOK SECTION IS GOOD REVIEWING A LONG HISTORY OF MEDICAL VILLAINS. DR. JECKYL AND MR. HYDE, THE TRAGEDY OF DR. FAUSTUS BY CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE, FRANKENSTINE, DR. FU-MANCHU AND OTHERS. THE REVIEWS ARE DELIGHTFULLY CATEGORIZED IN THE FOLLOWING FASHIONS: CHEMO-SCHIZOID (DR. J. & MR. H.), PHILOSOPHO-SCIENTIFIC (DR. FAUSTUS) PHARMICO-HYPNOTIC (DR. FU-MANCHU) LARCENO-FORENSIC (THE HOOSIER SCHOOLMASTER) POLITICO-OBSTETRIC (LUCIEN LEUWEN) ANTHROPE-PLASTIC (THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU) PULMANO-MARITAL (THE DOCTOR'S DILEMMA, G. B. S.) NECROLOGISTIC (THE MURDER OF ROGER ACKROYD) MANIC-EXCESSIVE (SATAN IN THE SUBURBS)

A SECTION ON MUSIC AND THE MEDICAL IMPLICATIONS (MUSICAL THERAPY)

A SECTION ON MOVIES AND ONE ON TRAVEL ABROAD. TRAVEL ABROAD IS THE BEST AND MOST INFORMATIVE ARTICLE ON THIBET I EVER READ...AND EVEN A SECTION ON POETRY. ALL THIS IN A MEDICAL MAGAZINE. SPACE MAN ("M. D." MARCH 1958) "SUCCESSFUL SATELITES NOTWITHSTANDING MAN STILL HAS MANY VITAL PHYSIOLOGIC AND MECHANICAL PROBLEMS TO SOLVE BEFORE HE CAN LAUNCH HIMSELF INTO INTERSTELLAR SPACE...NOTED BY LT. COL. G. R. STEINCAMP (USAF MC) IS THE REGRETTABLE CONCESSION THAT MAN'S SENSE ORGANS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO FUNCTION AT HYPERSONIC SPEEDS. SENSORY PERCEPTION FOLLOWS A TIME PATTERN ADJUSTED TO THE NORMAL SPACE-TIME-MASS RATIO OF EVERYDAY ENVIRONMENT."

MOON TRIP: "MAJOR DAVID G. SIMONS WHO RECENTLY SPENT OVER 43 HOURS IN A BALOON AT 100,000 FEET OF ALTITUDE HAS PREDICTED THAT TRIPS TO THE MOON WOULD SOON BE MADE. A JOURNEY WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT TWO DAYS. NOTED HE, "WE ARE INTERESTED NOT IN JUST GETTING THERE BUT IN DOING EACH STEP AS IT COMES ALONG, SO WE CAN STAY THERE ONCE WE GET THERE" MAJOR SIMONS DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT RETURNING BUT I THINK WE CAN ASSUME HE IMPLIED IT.

PSYCHIATRY: A NEW DRUG THAT STIMULATES THE BRAIN AND IS USEFUL IN TREATING SOME PSYCHOSES WAS PRESENTED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION. DESCRIBED BY DR. C. C. PFEIFFER WAS 2-DIMETHYLAMINOETHANOL (DMAE) A POSSIBLE PRECURSOR OF ACETYLCHOLINE, AN IMPORTANT CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CHEMICAL...THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM STIMULATION IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY INCREASED BLOOD PRESSURE, A RISE IN TEMPERATURE, OR A CHANGE IN THE PLASMA LEVEL OF PROTEIN-BOUND IODINE. THE DRUG WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ALLEVIATING BEHAVIOR DISORDERS IN CHILDREN BY STIMULATING THEIR MENTAL CONCENTRATION. IN NORMAL PERSONS IT HAS THE EFFECT OF CALMING ANXIETIES AND MAKING MOODY PERSONS MORE AFFABLE. IT ALSO PRODUCES A GREATER TOLERANCE OF ALCOHOL? (MY DRINKIN' UNCLE WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR THAT)

ALSO FROM THE SAME ISSUE OF "M. D." IGY PROGRESS REPORT.

THREE (NOW FIVE) SATELITES HAVE PROVED THE FEASIBILITY OF PLACING MAN MADE OBJECTS IN ORBIT ABOUT THE EARTH.

MASSIVE MOVEMENTS OF WATER MAY TAKE PLACE BETWEEN HEMISPHERES AS THE SEASONS CHANGE.

RESEARCHERS CONFIRMED THE EXISTANCE OF A RIVER OF ELECTRIC ENERGY THAT GIRDLES THE GEOMAGNETIC EQUATOR IN THE UPPER AIR.

AURORA DISPLAYS TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN BOTH THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN HEMISPHERES.

OCEAN COUNTER-CURRENTS FLOWING 9000 FEET BENEATH THE NORTHEAST FLOWING GULF STREAM TO THE SOUTHEAST AT EIGHT MILES A DAY.

THOUSANDS OF FEET BENEATH THE THICK ANARCTIC ICE IS A ROCK FLOOR THAT IS BELOW SEA-LEVEL IN PLACES. FINDING FROM ROCKET FLIGHTS THAT BURSTS OF X-RAYS FROM THE SUN CAUSE THE LAYER OF IONIZED AIR THAT AFFECTS RADIO TRANSMISSION.

COSMIC RAY PENETRATION OF THE AIR VARIES GREATLY WITH SMALL CHANGES IN LATITUDE.

THE WEEK LONG LIFE OF THE DOG IN THE SECOND SOVIET SATELITE INDICATES THAT MAMMALS CAN EXIST IN A STATE OF WEIGHTLESSNESS.

ALSO IN "M. D." MARCH, IS ONE OF THE MOST ABSORBING FEATURES I'VE EVER READ ENTITLED "MAN AND MEDICINE". UNDER THE SUB-HEAD FORM AND FUNCTION: "IN THE ANIMAL WORLD MAN IS NOT ESPECIALLY REMARKABLE. HE IS NEITHER THE SMALLEST NOR THE LARGEST, THE SLOWEST NOR THE SPEEDIEST, THE WEAKEST NOR THE STRONGEST. ANTS ARE FIFTY MILLION YEARS OLDER THAN MAN AND POSSIBLY A BILLION TIMES MORE NUMEROUS. MAN IS NOT AS GORGEOUS AS A BIRD OF PARADISE NOR AS COMPLETELY ORGANIZED AS A BEE COLONY. BY NATURE'S STANDARD OF COMPARISON MAN IS A SOMEWHAT MEDIOCRE ORGANISM."

SAMUEL BUTLER ONCE WRYLY REMARKED THAT THE BODY, "IS BUT A PAIR OF PINCERS SET OVER A BELLOWS AND A STEW PAN AND THE WHOLE FIXED UPON STILTS."

THEN FOLLOWS A DETAILED TREATMENT OF ALL HUMAN AND HUMANOID TYPES.

ANOTHER INTERESTING BIT OF SPECULATION UNDER "SCIENCE" IN "M. D." A MORE FAR-REACHING SUGGESTION BY NOBELIST DR. HERMANN J. MULLER IS THAT FROZEN SPERM BANKS MAY ONE DAY STORE REPRODUCTIVE CELLS DONATED BY THE WORLD'S GREAT MEN. PROSPECTIVE PARENTS COULD THEN CHOOSE AN OFFSPRING PATTERNED AFTER CHURCHILL, PICASSO, SCHWEITZER, FAULKNER, MIGHT WIND UP CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGISTS ON HOW TO COPE WITH GENIUS". IT IS ALREADY BEING DONE IN CATTLE BREEDING BUT WE ALWAYS WERE A GREAT DEAL MORE CAREFUL ABOUT THE BREEDING OF OUR DOMESTIC ANIMALS THAN OURSELVES.

SINCE I MENTIONED THE REMARKS OF AN OFFICIAL OF THE MARTIN AIRCRAFT COMPANY REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF OUTWITTING GRAVITY A REGULAR RASH OF REPORTS HAVE APPEARED AND SOME IN GUARDED TONES SEEM TO THINK THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT IS JUST AROUND SOME NOT YET IDENTIFIED BEND IN THE ROAD.

I THINK THE RESULTS OF ANY ANTI-GRAVITY PROCESS THAT WORKS WOULD PROBABLY BE THE GREATEST SINGLE ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE IN A LONG LONG TIME...ROUGHLY PARALLEL TO LISTER'S DISCOVERIES IN ASEPTIC SURGICAL TECHNIQUE WORK WITH RADIUM AND NUMEROUS EXPERIMENTERS IN ATOMIC PHYSICS. THE MUSCLE OF THE WORLD WILL HAVE MULTIPLIED BEYOND CALCULATION BECAUSE WEIGHT WILL CEASE TO BE A FACTOR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ANYTHING THAT IN THE PAST HAD BEEN AN OBSTACLE. YOU COULD SEND YOUR CAR INTO A SPURT OF SPEED BY SNEEZING TO THE REAR. AERODYNAMICS WOULD HAVE TO TURN OVER AND PUT ON NEW CLOTHES..

THE LITTLE LISTENING POST PREDICTS, QUOTE, "LOOKS AS THOUGH THE BREAK IS NEAR". THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF THAT ATTITUDE SCATTERED ABOUT FOR SOME TIME. I, FOR ONE, AM TIRED OF WAITING AND ONLY A LITTLE LESS TIRED READING WHERE IT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN... WHATEVER IT IS. I ASSUME THEY MEAN SOME BREAK IN THE UFO MYSTERY. ONE THING IS CERTAIN, THE BREAK IS OVERDUE. THEY SUGGEST AS A HELP FOR THIS BREAK THAT PEOPLE WRITE "INTELLIGENT" LETTERS TO A LONG LIST OF CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WHICH THEY GIVE. I DON'T THINK ANYONE CAN ARGUE WITH THE WISDOM OF THAT. IF ONE MUST WRITE A LETTER, LET IT BE AN INTELLIGENT ONE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. I SUPPOSE IF A FLAP OF LETTER WRITING EVER ASSUMED A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF A GIVEN SENATOR'S CONSTITUENCY HE'D GIVE HEED. FRANKLY, I DOUBT THAT ANYTHING ELSE WOULD...UNLESS HE WAS BUZZED BY A SAUCERINE OBJECT. ON THE OTHER HAND HE MIGHT THINK, AS APPARENTLY DOES SENATOR RUSSELL OF GEORGIA (WHO IF YOU RECALL HAD SOME SORT OF EXPERIENCE WITH A UFO IN EUROPE BACK IN 1955) THAT HIS CONSTITUENCY MIGHT THINK HIM A NUT IF HE REVEALED WHAT HE SAW BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN SITTING ON IT EVER SINCE DISPISTE ~~ANY~~ OF "INTELLIGENT" INQUIRIES.

THE LITTLE LISTENING POST HAS AN ANNOYING PROCLIVITY PROVIDING FOR CRUMBS OF INFORMATION FEW OF WHICH ARE BIG ENOUGH TO TELL WHAT THE ORIGINAL BREAD RESEMBLED. THEY DUCK IN AND OUT WITH HINTS AND HEADLINES WITH AN OCCASIONAL RELIGIO-PSYCHIC MISSILE...I SUPPOSE TO WIDEN READER ACCEPTANCE OR IT MAY BE THE EDITOR GETTING IN SOME LICKS TO PROJECT SOME PRIVATE CONVICTION. SAMPLE: "PARAKEETS LIVING IN 22 WARDS IN MICHIGAN MENTAL HOSPITAL ARE HAVING HEALING EFFECT, AROUSING PATIENTS INTEREST IN LIFE. (BIRDS BRING HIGH VIBRATION - ED.) PARENTHESES NOT MINE. I CAN SEE THE FIRST BUT THAT HIGH VIBRATION DEAL LEAVES ME FLOUNDERING. ANYONE GOT AN IDEA? BY THE WAY, FROM THE LITTLE LISTENING POST ONE CAN BUY 200 "SAUCER STICKERS" FOR A DOLLAR. NOW THAT IS A RIGHT SMART BARGAIN...IF SOMEONE WOULD JUST FIND SOMETHING THAT A SAUCER STICKER IS GOOD FOR. PSYCHIC VAPORS? CHILBLAINS? CHOLREA MORBUS? JUVENILE DELINQUENCY? DIRTY SPARK PLUGS?

THE BARBER FOUNDATION IS HOLLERING DISASTER AGAIN...OR STILL. MR. BARBER THINKS AND CAN PROVE IT THAT THE WORLD IS GOING TO TILT AND FLOOD JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY. HE STATES WITH PRIDE THAT HE ISN'T GETTING THE RIDICULE HE ONCE GOT. I SUPPOSE PEOPLE GOT TIRED BOTHERING, VIDE, GEORGE ADAMSKI. BARBER SAYS THAT THE EARTH'S CRUST IS SLIPPING ABOUT ON ITS CORE AND THAT'S ALL THAT'S KEEPING THE CATA-CLYSM FROM OCCURRING. IF IT EVER GETS STUCK...LOOK OUT. HE WANTS TO DO A LOT OF ADVERTISING AND LOBBYING...WANTS PEOPLE TO WRITE TO LEGISLATORS TO STOCK EVERYBODY UP ON BOATS AND PRODUCE WARNING DEVICES. A FLOOD OF THE MAGNITUDE HE PREDICTS WOULDN'T GIVE JOLE BLONDE TIME TO LAUNCH HER PIROGUE. HIS PITCH IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE UNTIL ONE READS THIS LINE "MONEY...MONEY...THAT IS WHAT WE NEED." WELL, BROTHER DON'T WE ALL. IF AND WHEN SUCH A CATAclysm DOES OCCUR I DOUBT THAT ALL THE BARBERS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL PROPHETS WILL KNOW ABOUT IT SOON ENOUGH TO LAUNCH A BOAT...ASSUMING CHARITABLY THAT THERE IS A BOAT THAT COULD LIVE THIRTY SECONDS IN A DISPLACED OCEAN LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO GO.

RAN INTO AN INTERESTING LITTLE ITEM IN TIME MAGAZINE, MARCH 24. IT BEGINS WITH A HOPEFUL NOTE THAT I AM SURE IS NOT AS GENERALLY SHARED AS THEY SEEM TO IMPLY. "THE MORE PSYCHIATRISTS LEARN ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESSES THE LESS WILLING THEY BECOME TO HANG DIAGNOSTIC LABELS ON THEM". THAT'S AN ATTITUDE THAT SHOULD BECOME HOLY.

DR. HILDE L. MOSSE OBJECTS TO THE TERM "CHILDHOOD SCHIZOPHRENIA" SHE SAYS IT HAS BECOME FASHIONABLE AND MUCH ABUSED. IMAGINE A STUDY CONCEIVED IN SCIENCE EVER BEARING THE TAG, FASHIONABLE. SHE SAYS AFTER CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH THAT "FAR MORE OFTEN THAN NOT THIS DIAGNOSIS IS WRONG". DR. MOSSE CITES CHILDREN WHO SHOWED BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS OR SUFFERED FROM COMMON JUVENILE FANTASIES ONLY TO BE PUSHED INTO MENTAL HOSPITALS AND GIVEN SHOCK TREATMENT WHICH MADE THEM WORSE. SHE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FIND A SINGLE PROVED CASE WHERE ADULT SCHIZOPHRENIA COULD BE TRACED TO SUCH AN EMOTIONAL INJURY EARLY IN LIFE. WELL, DR. MOSSE IS A BRAVE BRAVE WOMAN BUT I THINK SHE IS PROBABLY 100 PER CENT RIGHT.

LOOK MAGAZINE, APRIL 15, ALSO CARRIED A GOOD ARTICLE ON PSYCHIATRY AND ENDED WITH A GOOD SUMMARY WHICH I SHALL QUOTE IN PART.

"PSYCHOANALYSIS IS THE BEST KNOWN OF ALL THE PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES. IT WAS FIRST USED BY SIGMUND FREUD IN 1895. HE DESCRIBED IT AS THE STUDY OF PROCESS OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE. HE WAS REFERRING TO THE UNCONSCIOUS, THE PART OF THE MIND IN WHICH WE LOCK OUR REPRESSED FEELINGS. TO OPEN THIS VAULT THE PATIENT RELAXES ON A COUCH WITH THE ANALYST SEATED OUT OF VIEW. LED BY THE ANALYST THE PATIENT FREELY ASSOCIATES, PUTTING INTO WORDS HIS THOUGHTS, DREAMS AND MEMORIES. IN THE TREATMENT OF NEUROSES, ANALYSIS HAS BEEN MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL BUT IT IS TIME CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE. (THIS IS THE "CONFESSIONAL" TYPE OF RELIEF. A MINISTER WOULD DO THE JOB AS WELL AND COST NOTHING) FOR PSYCHOTICS ITS USE IS CONTROVERSIAL AND MUCH LESS SUCCESSFUL" ITALICS MINE. "NOT ALL PSYCHIATRISTS USE PSYCHOANALYSIS AND NOT ALL ANALYSTS ARE PSYCHIATRISTS. NOR DO ALL THE ANALYSTS USE THE FREUDIAN METHOD. THERE ARE A DOZEN DIFFERENT METHODS OF ANALYSIS, EACH WITH ITS CORPS OF DISCIPLES". TO THOSE WHO OBJECT TO THE COMPLAINT THAT ANY SUCH THING COULD HARDLY BE CALLED SCIENTIFIC JUST EXAMINE IT FOR A MOMENT. GRANTED THAT MANY DIFFERENT METHODS OFTEN PRODUCE THE SAME RESULTS LET'S REMEMBER THAT MAN'S BRAIN ISN'T MARBLE CHIPS AND HYDROCHLORIC ACID. IF ONE SCHOOL INTERPRETS A DREAM ONE WAY AND ANOTHER INTERPRETS IT ANOTHER WAY, THEN HOW IS THAT SUPPOSED TO REVEAL ANYTHING OR HELP THE PATIENT. MANY MEDICINES WORK TOWARD THE SAME END AND PERFORM DUPLICATE RESULTS BUT A DOCTOR WHO BECOMES THE DISCIPLE OF SAY PENICILLIN OR ANOTHER ANTIBIOTIC IS IN A SPOT WHEN A PATIENT DEVELOPES AN ALLERGY OR GOES INTO ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK UPON ADMINISTRATION. THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF THE SUMMARY I LIKE.

"SOME PSYCHIATRISTS - THE NUMBER IS GROWING - BELIEVE THERE MAY BE A PHYSICAL AS WELL AS EMOTIONAL CAUSE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS (SEE ABOVE - DR. MOSSE). RECENT RESEARCH HAS SHARPENED THE POSSIBILITY THAT CHEMICAL CHANGES IN THE BODY MAY BE RESPONSIBLE. IF THIS PROVES TRUE PSYCHIATRY MAY HAVE TO ADOPT NEW CONCEPTS." MOST PRACTITIONERS OF MEDICINE HAVE A PROFOUND RESPECT FOR WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW AND CAN'T DO. THIS IS A CLOAK OF HUMILITY THAT THE FREUDIAN PSYCHIATRIST WILL EVENTUALLY BE DRIVEN TO DON AND THE PROCESS IS GOING TO BE ONE RIDDLED WITH PAIN AND EMBARRASSMENT.

TRUE MAGAZINE APRIL ISSUE HAS EXPLODED A PETARD THAT IS GOING TO ROCK THE MEDICAL PROFESSION WITH PREMATURE DEMANDS FOR A NEW DRUG THAT IS BEING TRIED NOW, EXTRACTED FROM THE PEGA PALO VINE OF HAITI - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. IN THE NECESSARILY LIMITED AMOUNT OF EXPERIMENTATION THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED ON IT SHOWS PROMISE TO DO A NUMBER OF THINGS. IT APPEARS TO BE A GOOD ANTI-ARTHRITIC AND BEST OF ALL IT SEEMS TO AWAKEN SLEEPING GONADS. THE OWNER OF A FOR-TRUE REJUVENATOR WOULD MAKE THE MAN WHO INVENTED THE BETTER MOUSETRAP LOOK LIKE TYPHOID MARY CAUGHT IN A HAIL STORM. NATURALLY THE PURE FOOD AND DRUG BOYS LEAPED IN AND PUT THE KIBOSH TO THE PEGA PALO BOOM THAT HIT MIAMI BECAUSE IT HADN'T BEEN TESTED AND NO ONE KNEW WHETHER A MAN WOULD OR WOULDN'T GO ON AN INSPIRED BINGE AND WAKE TO GLOAT OVER HIS REGAINED POWERS OR TO A SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEREAFTER.

BUT AS TRUE SO APTLY PUTS IT, "BUT AN HERB WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN AID TO MASCULINE VIRILITY (IS THERE ANOTHER KIND?) WASN'T THAT EASILY DISPOSED OF". NATURALLY NOT. REMEMBER DR. BRINKLY? THERE'LL BE A MAD RUSH TO FAMILY PHYSICIANS WITH MUCH PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR TO PRESCRIBE THESE WONDER PILLS OR ELIXIR OR WHATEVER FORM IT MAY TAKE. THE PHYSICIANS, MANY OF WHOM ARE IGNORANT OF PEGA PALO, WILL BE PARDONABLY ANNOYED. IT WILL TAKE MUCH PATIENT EXPLANATION AND CONSUMED TIME TO EDUCATE THESE PANTING YOUTH SNATCHERS-AT INTO THE RATIONAL APPROACH TO SUCH A NEW THING. IT WILL TAKE MUCH LONG AND PATIENT RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENT TO SEE JUST WHAT IF ANY VALUE PEGA PALO HAS AND WHETHER IT WILL DO ANY OF THE THINGS ATTRIBUTED TO IT NOW. HAITIANS CLAIM SOME WONDERFUL RESULTS FROM IT. THEY CAN WALK ON FIRE TOO BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP US PALEFACE TENDERFEET HERE IN THE U. S. AND A.

TIME MAGAZINE, MARCH 31, SAYS, "TAKE OFF THAT SPACE SUIT." "LOOSE TALK ABOUT SPACE HAS GONE PRETTY FAR; IT MAY BE A BIT EARLY TO THINK OF ORBITING AIR FORCE GENERALS AND ROCKET COMPANY EXECUTIVES AROUND THE MOON." PHYSICIST PRESIDENT LEE DUBRIDGE OF CAL-TECH IS ALL IN FAVOR OF SATELITES TO ORBIT THE EARTH AND MAYBE THE MOON TO STUDY NEARBY SPACE. FOR THE MORE AMBITIOUS AND NATURALLY MORE EXPENSIVE PROJECTS HE ASKS THE QUESTION, "IS IT WORTH IT?"

IN THIS DAY OF HIGH FLYING SPACEITIS THAT QUESTION IS A SHOCKER. BUT...AFTER ALL, IS IT?

AS FOR MAN CARRYING SATELITES DuBRIDGE SAYS, "FOR MOST SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATIONS IN SPACE THE PRESENCE OF MAN INVOLVES QUITE UNWARRANTED COMPLICATIONS AND EXPENSE NOT JUSTIFIED BY WHAT HE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VENTURE. INSTRUMENTS ARE CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VENTURE. INSTRUMENTS ARE CONTENT TO COAST AROUND IN SPACE UNUSED AND UNATTENDED FOR YEARS AND TO COME BACK TO EARTH, IF AT ALL, IN A FIERY CATACLYSM. BUT NOT MAN. HE WANTS TO GET BACK TO EARTH NOT ONLY UNBURNT BUT ESSENTIALLY UNJARRED. NOW I ASSURE YOU THIS IS NOT EASY AND WE ARE A LONG WAY FROM KNOWING HOW TO DO IT IN ANY PRACTICAL WAY".

HE CONTINUES, HOWEVER, IN THIS FATALISTIC TONE: "HUMAN BEINGS ARE GOING TO INSIST SOME DAY, ON TAKING JOURNEYS IN SPACE. THE SPIRIT OF HUMAN ADVENTURES CANNOT BE SUPPRESSED NO MATTER WHAT IT COSTS." HE SAYS THAT TO GET A MAN TO THE MOON OR MARS IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE BUT, "IT WILL TAKE A LOT OF MONEY AND A LONG TIME. WHETHER IT IS WORTH IT OR NOT DEPENDS ON OUR CONCEPT OF VALUES TO BE ACHIEVED."

DR. DuBRIDGE DEPRECIATES THE VALUE OF THE MOON AS A MILITARY BASE AND I THINK HE HAS SOME GOOD POINTS. "EARTH SATELITES...YOU CAN'T DROP A BOMB FROM THEM, IT JUST WON'T DROP AND TO PROJECT A BOMB TO EARTH WOULD BE ABOUT AS DIFFICULT AS GETTING A HUMAN BEING BACK..."

AS FOR THE MOON AS A MILITARY BASE, "THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EXTRAORDINARY STATEMENTS MADE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS." HIGH AMONG THESE HE STATES IS THE HOT VALUE SOME MEN HAVE ASCRIBED TO THE MOON AS A BASE BOTH FOR LAUNCHING MISSILES AND FOR OBSERVATION. "I AM NOT FAMILIAR (IN DETAIL) WITH THE MILITARY DREAMS BUT I DO KNOW THAT FROM THE MOON ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE EARTH FACES YOU AT A TIME AND A GOOD FRACTION OF THE MONTH THAT FACE WILL BE IN TOTAL DARKNESS...AND MUCH OF IT WILL BE COVERED BY CLOUDS ANYWAY AND ANYONE WHO THINKS HE CAN SEE A MAN MADE OBJECT FROM 240,000 MILES AWAY IS A BIT OPTIMISTIC."

AS A MISSILE BASE DRBRIDGE SAYS IT IS UTTER NONSENSE. "WHY TRANSPORT A HYDROGEN WAR-HEAD TOGETHER WITH ALL THE MEN AND EQUIPMENT...TO THE MOON JUST TO SHOOT IT 240,000 MILES BACK TO EARTH, WHEN THE TARGET IS ONLY 5000 MILES AWAY IN THE FIRST PLACE. (OH SIR...YOU DON'T APPRECIATE THE TORTUROUS MAZES OF THE MILITARY MIND) IF YOU DID LAUNCH A BOMB TO A TARGET ON EARTH...THE WARHEAD WOULD TAKE FIVE DAYS TO REACH EARTH. THE WAR MIGHT BE OVER THEN."

"...ARE WE TOO GOING TO BE LED INTO WILD PROGRAMS OF BUCK ROGERS AND INSANE PSEUDO-MILITARY EXPEDITIONS? THE DECISION IS GOING TO BE MADE SOON AND IT IS HIGH TIME THE BEST PEOPLE IN AMERICA DO SOME HARD THINKING ABOUT IT."

MOST ASSUREDLY, IT IS MY HUMBLE OPINION THAT MOST OF THE PROBLEMS OF SPACE TRAVEL WILL BE LICKED INSIDE THE HUNDRED MILE BELT OF EITHER BREATHABLE, OR COMPRESSIBLE INTO BREATHABLE AIR. CERTAINLY THE EXPENSE OF PROJECTING ROCKETS WITH THEIR ENORMOUS PUERILITY (AT THE PRESENT) AND WASTEFUL PROPULSION IS GOING TO BE PROBITATIVE. ONCE GRAVITY IS LICKED, MOST PROBLEMS NOT EXTENT WILL VANISH. THAT IS...THE PROBLEMS WE CAN FORESEE.

I THINK DR. DuBRIDGE IS CONSERVATIVE BUT NOT STUPIDLY SO. HE SIMPLY IS A MAN WHO CAN SEE A LITTLE INTO THE FUTURE AND APPRECIATE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH THE MILITARY, WHO FOR DECADES HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED AND CONDITIONED TO WHIPPING PROBLEMS WITH MONEY, CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO APPRECIATE.

THE MILITARY HAPPENED TO SEE A WHITE HORSE FLYING BY AND HOPPED ABOARD. THEY CAN SCARCELY, THEREFORE, BE ACCUSED OF FORESIGHT. DuBRIDGE GOES A LONG WAY TOWARD PROVING THAT. HISTORY IS LOADED TO THE SCUPPERS WITH EVIDENCE THAT THE MILITARY ALWAYS APPROCHES THE NEXT WAR HOPPING THAT IT WILL BE AS MUCH LIKE THE LAST AS THEY CAN MAKE IT AND WHEN SOMEONE DOESN'T PLAY THE GAME IT ANNOYS THEM CONSIDERABLY. HITLER'S USE OF THE BLITZKREIG WAS AN ANNOYANCE AS WAS GOERING'S STUKAS. THEIR MISTAKE WAS PUTTING ALL THEIR FAITH IN THE PREMISE THAT THEIR NEW IDEAS WOULD ACCOMPLISH MORE THAN THEY DID.

I THINK ONE THING THAT DR. DuBRIDGE FAILED TO RECOGNIZE OR TOUCH ON IS THE TREMENDOUS PROPAGANDA PRESTIGE THAT WOULD ACCOMPANY EITHER AN UNMANNED SATELITE AROUND THE MOON OR LATER, OF COURSE, A MANNED ONE WOULD PRODUCE. WE'VE BEEN BEATEN TO THE PUNCH SPUTNIK-WISE ALREADY. JUST HOW MUCH WE ARE READY TO SPEND FOR PRESTIGE I COULDN'T SAY. THERE WOULD BE ALL SORTS OF ARGUMENTS PRO AND CON REGARDING THE VALUE OF SUCH PROPAGANDA BUT IN THE LAST ACCOUNTING I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE WORTH WHATEVER IT COST IF WE ARE TO HAVE THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD LOOK TO US FOR LEADERSHIP RATHER THAN TOWARD THE IRON CURTAIN.